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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement for the 13 references cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of these references by initialing each reference and returning a copy of the signed form to the Applicants. Also enclosed is the Search Report for the parent PCT international application no. PCT/EP98/03176.

As the Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the Application, Applicants believe that no fee is required according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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